all major minerals in public and private sector during the last two years are as under:-

Sl.No.	Details	2003-2004	2004-2005	Total
(1)	Mining leases for all major minerals granted in favour of private sector (individuals and companies) by the State Governments.	285	239	524
(2)	Mining leases for all major minerals granted in favour of public sector undertaking by the State Governments.	10	5	15
	GRAND TOTAL	295	244	539

(d) Revenues are collected and retained by the State Governments and information in this regard is not maintained centrally by the Ministry of Mines.

Schemes for welfare of minorities

†2060. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any welfare schemes for the minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount spent by Government for implementation of the above schemes during last three years scheme-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of schemes have been formulated for welfare of minorities. The details of the schemes are available at the Ministry's website, www. socialjustice.nic.in.

(c) A statement showing the amount spent by Government during last three years, scheme-wise and year-wise is annexed.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Details of amount spent by Government on welfare schemes

(Rs. in crores)

Sl.No.	Schemes/Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	NMDFC*	24.00	17.16	73.65
2.	Schemes run by Central Wakf Council	1.58	1.48	1.47
3.	Schemes run by Maulana Azad Education Foundation	-	3.75	1.00
4.	Coaching and allied assistance for weaker sections including SC, OBC and Minorities	5.47	3.98	4.96

* National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation

Adoption laws

2061. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are more than 12 million destitute children and much more foreign couples are keen to adopt them;

(b) whether such adoption is prevented by anomalous Indian statutes on adoption of children;

(c) whether the privilege of parenting an orphaned child presently rests with Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs and Jains under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956;

(d) whether the minority communities are governed by the Guardians and Wards Act (GWA) of the bygone era of 1890; and

(e) whether Government would consider framing a uniform law on adoption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No survey regarding the number of destitute children in the country has been carried out.